

1. A sleeve-like cover (10) for a cylinder in a press, for holding a plate-like printing form (22), characterized in that the cover (10) has a slit (12) which runs substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of the cover (10), it being possible for edges (24) of a printing form (22) to be fixed in the slit (12) by means of at least one retaining force element (16).

2. The sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the at least one retaining force element (16) in the slit (12) in the sleeve-like cover (10) is fixed to the sleeve-like cover (10).

3. The sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the slit (12) widens trapezoidally from the outer circumferential surface (14) into the interior of the sleeve-like cover (10) and/or is substantially symmetrical to a plane in which the axis of symmetry of the sleeve-like cover (10) runs.

4. The sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the edges of the slit (12) formed with the outer circumferential surface (14) are rounded off.

5. The sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the retaining force element (16) comprises a first and a second leaf spring, in each case one of the leaf springs being designed to press an edge (24) of a plate-like printing form (26) in the slit (12) against a wall of the slit (12).

preceding claims, characterized in that the sleeve-like cover (10) has a layer structure with a number of layers.

7. The sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the sleeve-like cover (10) at least partly has a material which permits elastic deformation of the sleeve-like cover at least in the radial direction in such a way that the internal diameter and/or the external diameter of the sleeve-like cover (10) can be varied.

8. The sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the cover (10) has at least one recess (30), in particular two recesses (30), in its inner circumferential surface (28) in which, when the cover is fitted to a printing form cylinder (26), at least one protrusion and/or at least one lever element (34) can engage in order to produce a tangential tension of the sleeve-like cover (10).

9. The use of sleeve-like covers (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims for a cylinder in a press, for holding a plate-like printing form (22), with different external diameters in order to vary the printing length of the press.

10. A method of fitting a plate-like printing form (22) to the sleeve-like cover (10) as claimed in one of the preceding claims, in which a leading edge of the printing form (22) is introduced into a slit (12) in the sleeve-like cover (10) of the printing form (22), the printing form (22) is wound onto the outer circumferential surface (14) of the sleeve-like cover (10), and a trailing edge of the printing form (22) is introduced into the slit (12) in the sleeve-like cover (10) of the printing form (22), characterized in that in each case the

are clamped between a retaining force element (16) and a wall of the slit (12).